



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Toombs et al.
Title: Card System with Erase Tagging Hierarchy and Group Based Write Protection (As Amended)
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following is responsive to the Official Action mailed on March 10, 2005, and for which a three-month extension is hereby requested. Applicant responds to the Official Action as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Title:

Please replace the title with the following:

**VOLTAGE NEGOTIATION IN A SINGLE HOST MULTIPLE CARDS CARD
SYSTEM WITH ERASE TAGGING HIERARCHY AND GROUP BASED WRITE
PROTECTION**